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Mr. Cyrus Vance  
United States of America

October 5, 1977

Dear Sir:

In our long and endless search for help we are addressing you today as a true representative of the most faithful democracy in the world.

We are the mothers of young people whom are labelled here as "Disappeared".....those citizenstaken by security forces but with no one claiming responsibility for it, we are not informed where (our children)are, although we have gone through all the legal procedures in order to find this out.

This heartbreaking situation has become intolerable (please remember that in some cases, we have been looking for our children for more than one year). For that reason and in view of the possibility of your coming to this, our country, we would like to make certain points.

In the first place, we would like to thank the US for its interest in the rapid re-establishment of Human Rights in Argentina. First Mrs. Derian, then Mr. Tozman, and now your long-awaited visit, will surely make our Government know that there are people interested in the fate of our children.

We should also like to clarify that we are not, as some local newspapers say, subversives claiming human rights. We are only and exclusively MOTHERS that before our Government House have asked for the quick return of our children.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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We have never asked for their freedom, we only want to be told where they are, that they be tried to establish what crime they have committed (if there were any) but we want this two-way torture to stop: the physical torture that surely they are undergoing and ours which has already broken our hearts.

Because of the above and due to the expectations created by your visit, we are only begging you that when you arrive in our country (please, do come!) that you would give us a few minutes of your time so that we can explain our problems in detail.

Thanking you in advance and hoping that your visit to Argentina becomes a fact very soon, we are,

Sincerely yours,

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Signed by 137 mothers at the Plaza de Mayo.